THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 30th July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI V. DURGAPRASAD VEERABHADRA DEO BAHADUR, RAJA OF KURUPPAM.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is my painful duty to inform the House of the death of the Raja of Kuruppam, Member from the Parvatipur constituency."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is now my sad duty to move the following resolution :—

'*This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri V. Durgaprasad Veerabhadra Deo Bahadur, Raja of Kuruppam, late Member for Parvatipur, and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.*'

Sir, the Raja of Kuruppam represented Parvatipur constituency in this House. He was educated in the Princes' College of Roypur, and came of a highly cultured family of zamindars. He was the President of the Srikakulam College Committee. As all hon. Members are aware, he was all right till yesterday evening. As a matter of fact, when this House adjourned at 5-20 p.m. yesterday, he came to the Chief Minister. I do not know why he took leave of the Chief Minister saying that he might not be able to meet him again. Even though he had programmed to leave Madras only on the 1st August, he took leave of the Chief Minister yesterday evening. This was at about 5-30 p.m. None of us thought then that he would be taken away from us so soon, so suddenly and so unexpectedly. He became suddenly ill after he left the Assembly and died at the General Hospital at 9-30 p.m. yesterday. I pray, Sir, that his soul may rest in peace.

" As a mark of respect to the deceased I propose that the House do adjourn for the day."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I heartily associate myself with the sentiments of grief expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House. The Raja of Kuruppam was a young man taken away suddenly by the cruel hand of Death. He was a very great social figure, and he, as the Leader of the House stated, came of a very distinguished family. His father was a Member of the Central Legislature for a short time. His grandfather was a Member of the Central Legislature for some time. His uncle, the Zamindar of Chemudu, you may remember Sir,

was also a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly in the year 1937–38. He had had a very great tradition about him. He was one of the most important figures in the public life of Visakhapatnam district. His death is a great personal loss to me. I have known him almost from his childhood and he had known me from his childhood. It is not possible for me to think of how his young wife and children, his brother, and his old mother, feel at this sudden parting of their dearest and nearest in a distant place. The ways of God are mysterious.

" Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House, and I express, on behalf of the Opposition, our heartfelt condolences which may be conveyed to the members of his bereaved family."

* SRI P. THIMMA REDDI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, one was not able to believe the news spread this morning that the Raja of Kuruppam would not be in this House hereafter. The Raja Sahib's acquaintance with me was very short. But every time he met me, he was telling me that a Board should be constituted for the Visakhapatnam district and that all Members should be asked to gather there to think and plan out something for the improvement of that backward area. He was everyday thinking about the Visakhapatnam district. Though he came of a very high and rich family, he was always thinking of the improvement of the people of that backward district. We miss him to-day, and we are all sad for missing him from our midst. I heartily associate myself and my party with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House, and we convey our condolences to the members of his bereaved family."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, the Socialist Party is certainly very grieved to hear about the demise of this Member. Personally I was not very well acquainted with him. But from the information I have, I understand that he was a very young man, very useful to society, and had done very much for the country and for the district from which he hailed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his bereaved family."

* SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the unattached Members in this House, I beg to associate myself with the resolution of condolence moved by the Hon. the Leader of the House. In the midst of life we are in death. The happy deliberations of this House have been suddenly overshadowed by the dark cloud of the sudden death of this hon. Member. He was of an affable temperament, and he was a cheerful personality. We miss him to-day from our midst. Let us pray for a happy and safe dispensation for his soul. Sir, to the members of the bereaved family, we offer our deepest and sincerest condolences."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to associate the Chair with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, and the leaders of other parties. I came to know the late Raja Sahib when he became a Member of this House. He used to come to my chamber often to consult me regarding the procedure in the Legislature. He took keen interest in the affairs of our Legislature. It is a pity that he has been removed from our midst in the prime of his life.

" By way of passing this resolution and as a mark of respect to the departed soul, I request hon. Members to stand in their places for two minutes."

The resolution was carried *nem con*, all Members standing in their places for two minutes.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Before I adjourn the House, I must inform hon. Members that to-day's agenda will be taken up to-morrow. There will be no change in the agenda.

" As a mark of respect to the deceased, I adjourn the House till 8-30 a.m. to-morrow."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 8-30 a.m. on Thursday, 31st July 1952.

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